

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
APRIL 18, 2007 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:32 PM, Director Ware opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragic events at Virginia Tech. Robin Weinstein led a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act had been given of this meeting and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Bobbitt, Freeholders Timberman, Lindenmuth, Acton, Sullivan, Hogan and Director Ware.

At this point in the meeting, Director Ware commented on Freeholder Sullivan's return to the Freeholder meetings and that it was good to see him up and about again.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 4, 2007 meeting and that the Minutes are received, approved and recorded in the Minute book. Freeholder Sullivan seconded his motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolutions 6, 7, 8, 12, & 18 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Sullivan seconded his motion, which carried a vote of 7/0.

CORRESPONDENCE
GENERAL

Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Local Finance Board, State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs – Local Finance Board Resolution approving a refunding bond ordinance application submitted by Salem County

Robert J. Seeberger, PE, Boston & Seeberger, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors & Planners – letter notifying of inspection and recommendation that the Alm's House be condemned and demolished as soon as possible

Richard L. Cañas, Director, State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness – letter to share the status of Salem County's progress in completing projects identified in FY05 Homeland Security Grant Program spending plan

Anthony Matarese, M & M Sporting Clays – letter responding to letter of concern from Pennsville residents in regard to operations at the club

Curt Harker, Records Manager - Memo in regards to Records Management Activities

Ingrid W. Reed, Director, New Jersey Project, 50th Anniversary Eagleton Institute on Politics – report on "Finding Voter Registration Information on NJ State and County Web Sites"

South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council – copy of the March 21st Minutes and the April 18th Agenda

Gloucester County – resolution endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

Hunterdon County – supporting renewing and strengthening the Garden State Preservation Trust

Mercer County – Resolution to support state-enabling legislation for a county homeless trust fund

Morris County – resolution formally registering its support for A1433 and S5231 currently pending in the New Jersey General Assembly and Senate

Sussex County – resolution opposing Senate Bill S-2463 requiring the licensing of retail businesses by municipalities

Union County – resolution proclaiming April 23-29, 2007 as “National County Government Week”

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of February

Salem County Nursing Home

For the Month of March

Adjuster's Report

Emergency Services & Emergency Services Staff

Shelter of Hope Population Report

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Advisory Council Office on Aging January 16th Minutes

Library Commission March 19th Minutes

Transportation Advisory Council Office on Aging April 16th Minutes

Youth Services Commission and Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition May 2nd Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt to accept and file the correspondence, departmental reports, and the committee and commission reports. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried by a vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt that the Treasurer's Report be received and filed, subject to audit, and that a copy be made available to the public, upon request, for its review. Freeholder Sullivan seconded his motion, which was carried by a vote of 7/0.

Director Ware than stated that if no one objected, the resolutions would be read by block.

R. 2007-230

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AS TO THE CONTINUED SAFETY AND STABILITY OF THE SALEM COUNTY ALMS HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 7/0.

R. 2007-231

FINANCE

RESOLUTION EXTENDING AN AWARD FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING NUMBER TWO (2) FUEL OIL FOR THE SALEM COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM NUMBER 75-SCCPS

R. 2007-232
FINANCE

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EMERGENT REPAIRS TO THE
ALMS HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(Warren, LLC)

R. 2007-233
FINANCE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF
NUMBER TWO FUEL OIL FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(Riggins, Inc.)

Freeholder Sullivan moved for adoption of these three resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

R. 2007-234
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND
CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OF SALEM COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER THE
SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT,
AND TITLE XIX FUNDS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

R. 2007-235
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
HOMELESS TASK FORCE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2007-236
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
MONARCH HOUSING ASSOCIATES COUNTY BASED HOMELESS TRUST FUNDS

R. 2007-237
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE UNITED WAY OF SALEM COUNTY AS THE
LEAD AGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY

Freeholder Hogan moved for adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Acton seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

R. 2007-238
PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR BEDS AT THE
BURLINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

R. 2007-239
PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE
NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
(Cops in Shops)

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Deputy Director Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

R. 2007-240
PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RENEWAL OF THE GARDEN STATE PRESERVATION TRUST

R. 2007-241
PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2001 DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Timberman moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Lindenmuth seconding her motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

R. 2007-242
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING REPAIRS TO A
JD690E AMPHIBIOUS LONG REACH HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR
ORIGINAL AND CURRENT COMPONENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(Filbey's Heavy Equipment Repairs, LLC)

R. 2007-243
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO TASK ORDER #16
TO BASIC AGREEMENT NO. 95-DT-SLM-C008
SALEM-HANCOCK'S BRIDGE ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #658
IN LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2007-244
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT
STRAUGHNS MILL ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #643 RESURFACING AND WIDENING PROJECT
IN OLDMANS TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(DeFalco & Bisconti, Inc.)

R. 2007-245
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1
FINAL FOR THE 2006 ROAD RESURFACING PAVING PROGRAM
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2007-246
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR
RECONSTRUCTION OF AUBURN ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #602
IN PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2007-247
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
EMERGENCY UNDERWATER INSPECTION AND REMEDIAL EMERGENCY REPAIRS
IN PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of these three resolutions, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

Under Unfinished Business, Freeholder Hogan read from a prepared statement regarding the Nursing Home. He stated that 11 of the 13 deficiencies had been corrected to date and that the Freeholder Board would work together to make the home a better place for all of the patients.

Under New Business, Deputy Director Bobbitt gave a detailed report of activities that took place last weekend during the Nor'easter that came through the area dropping approximately five inches of rain. To date, Elmer Lake Dam is ok, the water is receding. Willow Grove Road is closed, the Dam is being assessed. Almond Road is closed due to water, Gershel Avenue is closed due to water, and Rainbow Lake Dam has been destroyed. The County has spent upwards of \$17,000 in overtime and he gave many thanks to Bill Sumiel in the Engineers department and to Jeff Ridgway in Public Works.

Freeholder Timberman gave an update on the Office of Smart Growth public hearing held last night and suggested that the Freeholders once again put the Bond question for Farmland Preservation on the ballot in November.

Freeholder Lindenmuth echoed Freeholder Bobbitt's comments in thanking the county employees for all of their efforts this past weekend.

Freeholder Acton spoke about the culinary program at the Vo-Tech and noted that the chef from City Tavern gave the students a seminar.

Freeholder Hogan noted that Director Ware had recently celebrated a birthday milestone.

Freeholder Sullivan thanked and complimented the Freeholders for all that they did during his recent illness.

Under the public portion of the meeting, Sheryl Chambers questioned and discussed the flooding in Pittsgrove, Jeff Ridgway was able to answer her questions. She also questioned Freeholder Timberman on the tax rate; the Freeholder ably answered her questions concerning the rate.

Rebecca Purchase discussed the plight of the homeless people in Salem County and explained the function of the newly appointed Homeless Task force.

Jim Yanus discussed the resolution endorsing the 2001 Smart Growth Development Plan.

Valerie Nagy questioned if there was any County assistance for flood victims, and noted that she was very disappointed in the newsletter. She felt that it was misleading and that the chart was very hard to understand.

Mary Wilson questioned what is going to happen to homeless people in Salem County, need more low income housing.

Sherman Hampton commended Freeholder Hogan and the Director at the Nursing Home for their efforts. He also stated that there are plenty of jobs for people wanting to work in Salem County, but unfortunately many can not pass the background check.

Steve Caltabiano noted additional comments on the Tax rate.

Residents from Carneys Point presented the Freeholders with trophies for their efforts at the Public Hearing on Smart Growth.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board